

GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES — SOUTH WEST REGION

**842. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing Minister for Health:**

I refer to the article in *The Sunday Times* on 3 October 2010 titled “GP calls in limbo”.

- (1) How many GP clinics in the Greater Bunbury area and in Busselton currently do house calls or provide after-hours services?
- (2) How many GP clinics in the South West will lose incentive payments to do house calls or open after hours from —
  - (a) July 2010; and
  - (b) July 2013?
- (3) How will this impact on the emergency departments of hospitals in the South West Region?
- (4) How will this impact on the after-hours GP clinic attached to the Bunbury hospital that is to be opened this month?
- (5) What action has the government taken to ensure replacement services are offered to the people in the South West Region?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (1)–(5) The WA Country Health Service does not have access to information to answer this question as it pertains to arrangements between the commonwealth government payment through Medicare and private GP practices.